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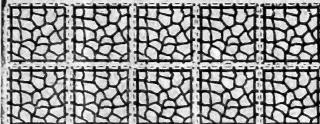
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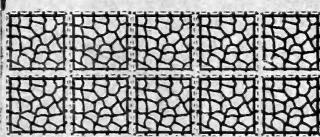
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 NOTICE.—The Garden and Flower Seeds, Roses, Clematis, Vines, &c., advertised in this Catalog are, of course, for sale in their season. The other articles mentioned can be ordered at any time of the year, and the order will receive our prompt attention.

## THE FAMOUS SOUPERT ROSE FAMILY

The Best for Pot Culture in the House. The Best for Bedding. Continually in Bloom. It makes no Difference what Season of Year it May Be, with Slight Protection will Live in the Open Ground.

1. CLOTHILDE SOUPERT.—One of the most prolific blooming roses; blooms nearly all the time, producing cluster after cluster of large, handsomely made flowers, until the bush, as it grows larger, is literally loaded down with flowers. The color is white, with center of flower a lovely, warm, pink shade. This is the rose for the millions. 14 cents each; 2 for 25 cents.

2. YELLOW SOUPERT.—While not a yellow rose, the general effect of the blending of the colors in this, is such as to make it appear as a yellow rose at a short distance. It is probably the finest Polyantha Rose yet introduced, and is a fitting companion to that popular and useful variety, Clothilde Soupert. The habit of the growth is the same, while the flowers are white at the edge and chrome yellow in the centre. It is perfectly hardy, having withstood in the open ground a temperature of ten degrees below zero. 14 cents each; 2 for 25 cents.

3. PINK SOUPERT.—A seedling from that premier bedding rose, Clothilde Soupert, inheriting all the grand garden qualities of its parent, and is a clear pink throughout, bright and attractive; the coloring deepens in some flowers to cherry red, and in others it lessens to light, clear pink. The profusion of bloom is wonderful, the whole plant being a mass of flowers. No rose can possibly excel this for outdoor bedding, and none can be more attractive. It is compact and sturdy in habit, and so hardy for an everblooming rose that it will remain out all winter safely without protection. 14 cents each; 2 for 25 cents.

4. SPECIAL OFFER.—The three charming Soupert Roses for 30 cents. Nothing finer in the rose line. The best of all bedding roses. Every one distinct in color.

### The "In Remembrance Collection."

FOR CEMETERY PLANTING. The three following sorts are especially recommended for cemetery planting. They are hardy, free flowering, and need but little pruning:

5. COQUETTE DE ALPS.—Pure white, tinged with pink in the center; truly a continuous bloomer, as it is scarcely ever without flowers from early summer until cut off by frost in the fall. Flowers are good size, well formed and sweetly scented. 15 cents each.

6. COQUETTE DES BLANCHES—A finely formed, pure white rose; occasionally shows light flesh when first opening; beautiful shell-shaped petals, evenly arranged. Flowers of good size, perfect, and of fine form and finish. One of the finest, freest, and most beautiful of the white Hybrids. Price, 15 cents each.

7. MME. PLANTIER—This grand variety, when once planted, is as permanent as a Hydrangea. It is hardy as an oak, and for outdoor planting it is the best white Hybrid Perpetual. We recommend it for cemetery planting, because of its permanency. Flowers are pure white, very large and double; it is a profuse and continuous bloomer. Good white hardy roses are scarce—this is one of the very best. Should never be pruned. 15 cents each.

8. This beautiful Hardy Cemetery Collection for 30 cents.

# RAMBLER ROSES.

This class of Roses is now being planted everywhere. They are strong and vigorous, perfectly hardy, and may be trained to climb anywhere.

14c. each, postpaid.

## 9. CRIMSON RAMBLER.

The plant is of a very vigorous growth, making shoots from eight to ten feet during the season, rendering it a charming pillar rose, and for covering buildings, trellises, etc., it cannot be excelled. One of the striking characteristics of this rose is its remarkable color, which is of the brightest crimson. The flowers are produced in great pyramidal panicles or trusses, each carrying 30 to 40 blooms. Blooms in June and continues a long time.

## 10. YELLOW RAMBLER (*Aglia*)

A very hardy Yellow Climbing Rose. Unprotected plants have stood, without injury, a temperature of 10 degrees below zero, while with slight protection will do well where other roses succeed. The beautiful clear yellow flowers are borne in immense trusses, sometimes over 100 in a cluster, medium size, and last three or four weeks.

## 11. HELENE.

New hardy Rambler Rose. Makes a growth of 10 to 15 feet in a season. Foliage similar to Crimson Rambler, but less subject to mildew and insect attacks. For open-ground culture it has no superior, being perfectly hardy and a strong healthy grower. Its flowers are borne in large clusters, and are produced in amazing profusion. The flower is larger than Crimson Rambler, almost double, and of excellent substance, remaining in perfection on the bush for weeks. Color soft violet rose,

almost blush; base of petals yellowish white, while the anthers and pistils are pure yellow, rising boldly from the flower. The buds are carmine, finely mossed, and are borne 20 to 50 in a cluster. This magnificent rose is bound to become popular when it becomes better known.

## 12. WHITE RAMBLER (*Thalia*).

Of German origin, and in habit of growth, foliage, manner of blooming, form of flowers and hardiness, it is said to be identical with Crimson Rambler, of which it is a blood relative, but that the flowers are pure snow white and sweetly scented, which the flowers of Crimson Rambler are not.

## 13. PHILADELPHIA RAMBLER.

It blooms in grand clusters. Flowers 2 to  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches across, perfectly double to the center; color pure, deep, rich crimson, far brighter and more intense than any other rose of its class. Does not fade or wash out, but holds its bright, dazzling color to the last. Has handsome foliage, does not mildew, and is an early and abundant bloomer. Unequalled for covering porches, trellises, screens, fences, etc. Perfectly hardy; needs no protection.

## 14. SPECIAL OFFER.

The collection of Rambler Roses as described above, postpaid, for only 50c.

## Coffee for 1c. a Lb.

The new American COFFEE BERRY is better than a gold mine. Raise your own coffee at less than 1c. a lb., matures north or south in four months. Plant any time up to June 20th. Has produced 60 bushels per acre. Many prefer it to store coffee. Large packet 10c.; 3 packets for 20c. Nothing will pay as well as raising a large patch of this wonderful coffee berry; you can sell coffee to your neighbors.

W. B. LONGSTRETH, Cratiot, Ohio.

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This exceptionally fine hardy climber is so generally known and so in favor with everyone that it needs little description. These flowers, 4 to 6 inches across, cover the green foliage through the greater part of the spring and summer. A plant in full bloom is one of the most conspicuous and beautiful objects, and one that invariably attracts attention. Orders should reach us by April 15th, at latest.

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### JACKMANII.

The flowers, when fully expanded, are from four to six inches in diameter; intense violet purple, with a rich velvety appearance, distinctly veined. It flowers continuously from July until cut off by frosts. Price 20 cents each.

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### HENRYI.

A vigorous grower and a free bloomer, producing its large pure white flowers constantly during summer and early autumn. The best large-flowered variety producing pure white flowers. Price 20 cents each.

17. **MADAME EDOUARD ANDRE.**

Also of the Jackmanii type, and is the nearest approach to a bright red that has yet appeared. The flowers are very large, usually six petaled, of a distinct, pleasing shade of carmine, and are produced in bewildering profusion. Price 20c. each.

18. The three Large-Flowered Clematis described above for only 35c., postpaid.

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## NOTICE IMPORTANT.

I have made arrangements with a large and reliable rose and plant firm by which I can offer to my customers the Roses and Clematis plants which you will find listed in my Catalog. Understand, I do NOT carry these roses or plants in stock myself; you will receive them from the firm, under my name, guaranteed to reach their destination in growing condition. All orders for same during the Winter or early Spring will be booked and ordered by me to be sent to you in due season, which, of course, will be when the weather is settled so that the plants can be set in open ground. The seed I have in stock, and I will send by return mail.

Address W. B. LONGSTRETH, Gratiot, Ohio.

# Specieties in Vegetable and Flower Seeds.

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## 19. BEAN—Burpee's Bush Lima.

Burpee's Bush Lima comes absolutely true from seed. The bushes grow eighteen to twenty inches high, of stout growth, and always erect, yet branching so vigorously that each plant develops into a magnificent circular bush from two to three feet in diameter. It is an immense yielder, the handsome large pods being well filled with very large beans, identical in size and luscious flavor with the well-known large Pole Limas. Pkt. 10c.;  $\frac{1}{2}$  pt. 15c.; pt. 25c.

## 20. The Wonder of the 20th Century.

**A New Late Cabbage—Worm-Proof Hardiana.**

"Our attention was first attracted to this cabbage in Dock Street Market, Philadelphia, two years ago on account of its quick sale and handsome appearance, the leaves being entirely free from worm-holes, while all other varieties were more or less eaten by the worms. On close examination we found a slight coating or enameling completely covering the leaves, making it impervious to the worms, and without affecting its fine quality. We found the variety was controlled by a few Atlantic County, New Jersey, growers, who readily sold the seed to their near neighbors at \$3.00 to \$5.00 per ounce, and it was only after great persuasion and at high cost we were able to get enough to grow our present supply. The heads are very hard and solid, of good size, often showing a slight purplish tinge on top, and as a winter keeper there is nothing superior."

The above description is taken from the catalogue of the firm who introduced this cabbage in 1904. After a careful trial on my own grounds, I can truly recommend it, as an A No. 1 cabbage in every respect. Although it did not prove to be absolutely worm-proof, yet it was much freer from the attack of the worms than any other variety. Don't fail to give it a trial. Packet 15c.

21. SPECIAL OFFER—For 20c. I will send one packet each of the choice vegetable seed described above.

## 22. STAR FLOWER.

A grand novelty. As a stately and showy bedding plant nothing of recent introduction surpasses the Star Flower. It was discovered in the wilds of Argentine, a few years ago. The plant is a wonder, and makes a gorgeous bed throughout the season. The flowers are borne in great profusion on immense trusses, and are a beautiful creamy white in color, and are deliciously fragrant. Packet 10c.

## SWEET PEAS.

23. Emblem Red.

Pkt. 5c.; oz. 10c.

24. Emblem White.

Pkt. 5c.; oz. 10c.

25. Emblem Blue.

Pkt. 5c.; oz. 10c.

Every patriotic American who loves flowers will take special pride and delight in watching the brilliant colors of "Old Glory" display themselves side by side in the blossoms of that favorite American flower—the Sweet Pea. This National Emblem Collection is strikingly effective, as well as a source of continued inspiration and enjoyment, to which the fragrance as well as the grace and beauty of the flowers contribute greatly. It is necessary to see this "National Emblem" collection growing together, showing its brilliant reds, pure whites, and rich blues in vivid American Flag contrasts, in order to appreciate its beauty and effectiveness.

26. To induce all my customers and friends to try our "National Emblem" collection of Sweet Peas, I will give a full size packet Emblem Red, White and Blue, one of each, for only 10c. One ounce of each variety only 20c.

27. SPECIAL OFFER.—For 15c. I will send a packet of the Star Flower and one packet of the three varieties of Sweet Peas.

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# Standard Garden Seeds.

### BEANS—Dwarf or Bush.

Plant after danger of frost is past in drills 18 inches apart and 4 inches apart in the drill, in most any good garden soil, except a cold, wet one. Do not hoe or cultivate when wet with dew or rain.

28. LIGHTNING EARLY RED VALENTINE.—Is just what its name indicates. It is the earliest kidney-shaped bean in the world. The most profitable variety for market. For a green podded snap bean there is no variety its equal. The vines are erect, bearing an abundance of pods of medium size, and when young they are entirely stringless. Among the green podded sorts none can be compared with our stock of Lightning Valentine. Sure to give satisfaction. Packet 5c.;  $\frac{1}{2}$  pint, 10c.; pint, 18c.; quart, 35c.

29. YELLOW KIDNEY, or Six Weeks. Vines large and very productive; nearly as early as the Lightning Valentine. Pods green, and always thick and meaty. Adapted to any soil and weather. The beans, when dry, are kidney-shaped, and in color are a yellowish drab. Pkt. 5c.;  $\frac{1}{2}$  pt. 10c.; pt. 18c.; qt. 35c.

30. DAVIS KIDNEY WAX.—Having many calls for a wax bean, I selected the Davis Kidney Wax, and recommend it to my customers as the most productive wax bean in cultivation. The pods are long, straight, of clear waxy white color, and quite stringless. The beans are pure white, kidney-shaped, exceedingly crisp and tender, and will produce one-third more beans to the same amount of ground than any other wax bean. Packet 5c.;  $\frac{1}{2}$  pint 10c.; pint 18c.

### BEANS—Pole or Running.

Plant in hills 3 to 4 feet apart and 2 inches deep, and about six beans to a hill; when well established thin to 4 plants to the hill.

31. KING OF THE GARDEN LIMA.—Finest stock for market gardeners. A vigorous grower, requiring but two vines to each pole. When not closely planted they set their pods early, at the bottom of the pole, producing a continuous bloom and fruitage to the end of the season. The pods are of enormous size, many specimens measuring from 5 to 8 inches, and producing up to 7 beans to the pod, all perfectly formed and of superior quality. Pkt. 10c.:  $\frac{1}{2}$  pt. 15c.; pt. 25c.

32. OLD HOMESTEAD.—Very early and enormously productive, the long green pods hanging in clusters from top to bottom of pole entirely stringless. Pods of a silvery green color. The pods, though large, cook tender and melting. Pkt. 6c.;  $\frac{1}{2}$  pint 10c.; pint 18c.

### Practical Poultry Keeper.

A very valuable and useful book, for those who keep a few chickens especially, and it is worth at least one dollar to any farmer's wife or daughter who raises a few chickens, as it tells just how you can make the poultry yard the most valuable feature of the farm, as well as how to treat all diseases of poultry. In fact, it gives information on almost any subject pertaining to poultry in a way that you will understand. Handsomely illustrated. Paper cover. Price, only 10c.

W. B. Longstreh, Gratiot, Ohio.

## THE BEST BEETS.

Sow as early in the spring as the ground can be worked, in light, well manured soil, in drills 12 inches apart and 1 inch deep. Thin to four inches apart. For winter use sow in June.

33. COLUMBIA.—This distinct new beet is early, of finest quality and great uniformity, both in roots and neat, handsome foliage, being of turnip shape, with smooth, clear skin and deep blood-red flesh of extra fine quality. Packet 5c.

34. EARLY BLOOD TURNIP.—The standard early variety; blood-red; turnip-shaped, with small top and tap root, smooth, very tender, and good for early use, and if planted later it will make an excellent beet for winter use. Packet 5c; oz. 7c;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 15c.

## CABBAGE.



For the very early crop sow in the hotbed in March. For the main crop sow in open ground the latter part of May, and when two or three inches high transplant into rows 2 to  $2\frac{1}{2}$  feet apart each way, allowing more room for the large growing sorts.

35. EARLY JERSEY WAKEFIELD.—Undoubtedly among the best, if not the best, early cabbage in the world. It is always of good size, very early and solid, and has but few outside leaves. A reliable header and sure to give satisfaction. Pkt. 5c; oz. 15c.

36. LATE FLAT DUTCH.—An excellent winter variety, producing large, flat, round heads, very solid. The quality is very fine and the flavor excellent. Pkt. 5c; oz. 15c.

## CELERY.

Sow early in April. Transplant about the first of June, in rows three feet apart and the plants six inches in the row. Trim the plants two or three times when small to promote silky growth. As fall approaches draw earth up to the plants, keeping the stalks well together.



37. WHITE PLUME.—Stalk, inner leaves and heart are white, so that tying up or simply drawing up the soil completes the work of blanching. Equal to the very best sorts—early, handsome, easily grown, profitable for early market. Pkt. 5c.

38. GIANT PASCAL.—Best for winter use. The stalks are remarkably large, thick, solid, and entirely stringless; it is the largest grown. Very crisp and brittle, snapping like glass. It never becomes watery. Pkt. 5c.

## SWEET CORN.

Plant when the ground becomes thoroughly warm, in hills 3 feet apart each way. For a succession continue to plant about every 2 weeks until the last of July.

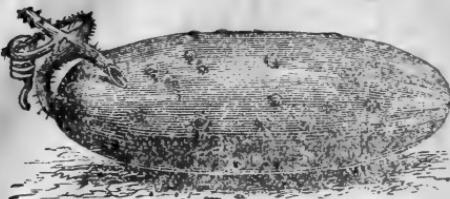
39. MAMMOTH WHITE CORY.—The ears are fully twice the size of the old Cory, white cobbed, and covered with very large, white grains of good quality. The gardener who wishes to get the cream of the trade should make his plantings of this splendid novelty. Extra early. Pkt. 5c;  $\frac{1}{2}$  pint 8c; pint 15c.

40. STOWELL'S EVERGREEN.—Medium late, hardy and productive, very tender and sugary, remaining a long time fit for table use. Pkt. 5c;  $\frac{1}{4}$  pt. 8c; pt. 15c.

41. ECLIPSE SHEET BLUING.—Can't spill; no streaks; package does 24 washings. 10c. W. B. Longstreth, Gratiot, O.

## CUCUMBERS.

For very early cucumbers the seed can be planted in a piece of inverted sod in the hot bed or in the house, and transplanted, sod and all, into open ground when danger of frost is past. For the main crop plant in open ground after danger of frost, in hills four feet apart each way, and cover the seed with about one inch of soil.



### 41. WHITE SPINE or ARLINGTON.—

One of the most popular varieties both for marketing and table use. Vines vigorous, fruiting early and abundantly; straight and handsome; light green, with a few white spines; flesh crisp and of a delicious flavor. It is one of the best for slicing. Pkt. 5c; oz. 15c;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 40c.

42. EARLY GREEN CLUSTER—A short, prickly, seedy variety, bearing in clusters near the root; color pale green. It is a great bearer and matures early. Pkt. 5c; oz. 15c;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 40c.

43. IMPROVED LONG GREEN.—A distinct variety; when full grown sometimes measuring nearly eighteen inches in length; form long and slender, with but few seeds; flesh remarkably firm and crispy, a standard variety for pickling, very productive, and better than most varieties of Long Green. Pkt. 5c; oz. 15c;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 40c.

44. WHITE SNOW—Undoubtedly the handsomest White Cucumber in the world. The vines are quite vigorous in growth, bearing an immense yield of beautiful cucumbers, which are of large size, and always of a pure waxy white color, and extremely attractive. The flesh is solid, pure white, exceedingly crisp and tender. Pkt. 5c; oz. 15c;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 40c.

## First-Class Writing Pens.

You can bend the pen in any way you choose, and bring it back to its original shape. It is a pen that will adapt itself to any kind of handwriting. One dozen, by mail, 5c. W. B. LONGSTRETH,

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## LETTUCE.

Lettuce delights in a rich, mild soil. Sow as early as the ground can be worked, in drills about one foot apart, and every two weeks for a succession. When well up thin to six or eight inches apart, so the plants can form heads.

### 45. CALIFORNIA CREAM BUTTER.

—A grand, good butter lettuce. The heads are of good size, round and solid, outside medium green, within the leaves are a rich cream-yellow color; rich and buttery in taste. Pkt. 5c; oz. 12c.

### 46. LONGSTRETH'S PRIZE HEAD.

—This is one of the finest head lettuce in cultivation. Heads large, solid, tender, blanching perfectly; oily and buttery in texture, and delicious in flavor. Packet 5c; oz. 12c;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 40c.

47. IMPROVED HANSON.—A popular lettuce of hard heading stock. Heads green outside and white within; is sweet, crisp and tender, even to the outer leaves. Pkt. 5c; oz. 12c.

48. GRAND RAPIDS.—In addition to its desirable forcing qualities, it is excellent for early spring sowing in open ground. Of superior quality and beautiful appearance, it is a strong grower, very free from rot, and keeps crisp and tender without wilting, when exposed for sale, longer than any other forcing lettuce. Pkt. 5c; oz. 12c;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 40c.

## MUSK MELON.

Select a light, sandy, rich soil, and after all danger of frost is past, plant in hills four to six feet apart each way, six to twelve seeds to the hill. When danger of insects is over thin to about three plants to a hill.

49. ROCKY FORD.—This delicious melon has made a great reputation for high quality. The melons are of just the right size for table use, slightly oval in shape. The flesh is thick, of a light green color, and of a fine, juicy, luscious flavor. It is very early and wonderfully productive. Pkt. 5c; oz. 10c;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 35c.

**100** Fine Visiting Cards, with your name and address neatly painted thereon, postpaid, for 35c.

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## WATER MELON.

Plant and cultivate the same as Musk Melons, except the hills should be about eight feet apart each way.

50. DARK ICEING.—Round form, white-seeded, and can scarcely be praised too highly for solidity, thin rind, and rich, luscious, sugary flavor; fruit large, nearly round, dark green, distinctly mottled, flesh very rich and bright red. Abundant juice of rich deep color, flowing so freely as to be available as a drink. Packet 5c; oz. 8c;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 20c.

## ONIONS.

The onion requires a clean and very rich soil. Use well rotted manure freely, thoroughly mixing it with the soil. Sow as early as possible, in drills one foot apart and  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch deep. Thin out early, and keep the soil mellow and free from weeds. One ounce will sow 150 feet in drills. For sets sow very thick.

51. OHIO GLOBE DANVERS.—The finest shaped, best and largest cropper of any Yellow Onion in the world. The bulbs are large, globe-shaped, with very small necks, of a rich orange yellow color, enormous yielder and a splendid keeper. I would say to my friends that if you want a choice strain of Yellow Globe Onions, this is the variety you want. Pkt. 5c; oz. 10c;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 35c.

52. LARGE RED WETHERSFIELD.—The most popular red onion grown. Fine form, skin purplish red, flesh white; immensely productive; excellent keeper. Pkt. 5c; oz. 10c;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 35c.

## ONION SETS.

53. To have green onions much earlier than they can be grown from the seed, it is necessary to put out a bed of onion sets, and to every person who is fond of green onions who are unable to get the sets nearer home I will send them by mail at the following prices:  $\frac{1}{2}$  pint 8c; pint 15c; quart 25c. If ordered by express with other goods, at your expense, qt. 15c.

**25** NEW VISITING CARDS. 10 cents  
silver. W. B. LONGSTRETH,  
Gratiot, Ohio.

## PARSNIP.

Sow as early in the spring as the ground can be worked, in rich soil, in drills fifteen inches apart; thin to five to seven inches in the row.

54. HOLLOW CROWN.—The best variety for general use; roots white, smooth and sugary; of excellent flavor. Pkt. 3c; two pkts. 5c; oz. 8c.

## PEAS.

Peas require a light and rather rich soil. For the first crop plant as early as possible, and at intervals of about every two weeks for succession. Sow in double rows (about one foot apart), two inches deep. All peas will yield much better if some support, such as brush, wire, etc., is used.

55. EARLY ALASKA, or EARLIEST OF ALL.—The earliest real good pea in the world. Away ahead of many so-called early peas, and ten per cent. more productive, and is generally fit for use in 35 to 40 days from planting. Vines about  $2\frac{1}{2}$  feet high, loaded with large, dark green pods, well filled with smooth, dark green peas, of most superior flavor, sweet and luscious. It is so uniform in ripening that nearly the whole crop can be picked at the first picking. Its three great points are extreme earliness, great productiveness, and excellent quality. It is the pea for the market gardener; it is the pea for the home garden. Pkt. 5c;  $\frac{1}{2}$  pt. 10c; pt. 18c; qt. 32c.

56. AMERICAN WONDER.—Dwarf but robust habit, growing only 10 to 12 inches high, and producing an abundance of large, well filled pods, each containing five or six peas of fine flavor and most excellent quality. This is the best dwarf wrinkled variety known that requires no brush. Pkt. 5c.;  $\frac{1}{2}$  pt. 10c.; pt. 20c.; qt. 35c.

57. CHAMPION OF ENGLAND.—Undoubtedly one of the best peas grown, and very popular. It is very productive, and the peas are of a delicious flavor. In long years of introduction, nothing better in quality has ever been produced. Height four to five feet. Packet 5c; 1-2 pint 10c; pint 18c; quart 35c.

## PEPPER.

Sow in hot bed in March, or in open ground when the weather has become warm. Transplant when three inches high in rows two feet apart and fifteen inches apart in the row. Set the plants in rich, warm, mellow soil.

58. LARGE BELL, or BULL NOSE.—Of large size; very early; of sweet, mild flavor; glossy red; rind thick and fleshy. Packet 5c.

59. SWEET MOUNTAIN.—Similar in shape to the Large Bell, but of much larger size; rind thick, fleshy and tender; much used for pickling, stuffed like Man-gos. Packet 5c.

60. LONG RED CAYENNE.—From 3 to 4 inches long, of a bright red color, very productive, hot and pungent, the best for seasoning pickles. Packet 5c.

## RADISH.

Radishes must grow quickly to be crisp and tender. Select a warm, sandy, rich, mellow soil. Use plenty of well-rotted manure. A liberal dressing of coarse salt will make the roots more brittle and keep them free from worms.

61. EARLY RED BIRD—The quickest of all Red Radishes. Quick growth is one of the main essentials for a crisp and tender radish. This matures in 20 days after sowing, which makes it one of the most valuable sorts for forcing or out-door culture. The flesh is pure white, crisp and of very pleasant flavor; the skin is a most attractive bright scarlet. The leaves are very short, which admits of very close sowing. Pkt. 5c; oz. 8c;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 20c.

62. CINCINNATI MARKET—This new radish originated near Cincinnati, Ohio, and was first offered to the trade in 1895. Since that time it has become immensely popular. The tops are very small and the fruit perfectly straight and smooth, and grows six to seven inches long. Their attractive, glossy, scarlet colored skin is very thin, and the flesh crisp, tender and brittle. Without doubt it is the finest long radish grown. Pkt. 5c; oz. 8c;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 20c,



French Breakfast.

63. FRENCH BREAKFAST.—An old standard variety, of quick growth, crisp and tender. Pkt. 5c; oz. 7c;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 18c.

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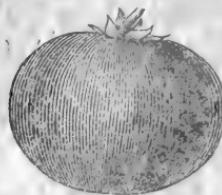
A delicious vegetable, either stewed, broiled or fried. The soup has the flavor of the oyster, for which it is an excellent substitute. No family should fail to plant it. Can be used from October to the following spring, but is much benefited by at least one or two hard freezes.

64. MAMMOTH SANDWICH ISLAND.—A new and improved variety, producing roots nearly twice as large as the older sorts; pure white, tender and delicious. Packet 5c.

## LONGSTRETH'S SELECT TOMATOES

Sow in hot bed or in a box in the house rather early, and when the plants are about two inches high transplant in other boxes or small pots (if too early to set in open ground). When danger of frost is past, transplant carefully, setting the plants from three to four feet apart each way. Cultivate frequently when the plants are small.

65. ADVANCE, OR EARLIEST OF ALL.—We do not claim that this is the largest tomato, but we do claim it is the earliest perfectly smooth good tomato. It ripens all over evenly and perfectly; very smooth, not ribbed or rough; an excellent keeper, and a good shipper. Be sure to include it in your order. Pkt. 5c; oz. 20c.



Buckeye State.

66. BUCKEYE STATE.—Claimed by the introducers to be the heaviest cropper known. The fruits grow in clusters of from four to ten. Color glossy, dark crimson, with a slight tinge of purple. Shape very thick from blossom end to stem end. Season medium to late. Fruit large and of good quality. Pkt. 5c; oz. 20c.

67. LIVINGSTON'S FAVORITE—One of the largest, perfectly smooth tomatoes in cultivation. Ripens early and evenly; dark red in color; vines very vigorous and immensely productive. Pkt. 5c; oz. 16c.

### TURNIP.

For early use sow as early as the ground can be worked, in drills 1 foot apart, 1

inch deep, and thin to 6 inches apart in the row. For the main crop sow broadcast in the latter part of July or August; just before a shower, if possible. The soil should be rich and mellow, and kept free from weeds.

68. PURPLE TOP WHITE GLOBE—One of the best varieties grown for general use. Very productive, large size, globe shape bulbs, with red or purple top, flesh pure white, crisp and tender. Pkt. 5c; oz. 7c;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 15c.

### POTATO.

69. EARLY MICHIGAN—The earliest and heaviest yielding potato grown. It is enormously productive, frequently yielding 650 bushels per acre. Tubers oblong in shape; flesh snow-white and unsurpassed for table use, whether boiled or baked. I do not know of any other potato that approaches its delicate flavor. Matures in six weeks with ordinary cultivation. One pound by mail 18c; 3 pounds 42c. By express or freight, not prepaid, pound 10c;  $\frac{1}{2}$  peck 20c; peck 35c.



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weather, or very fine seed that should be sown on the finest of ground and scarcely covered at all are buried under an inch of heavy clods, and of course it is impossible for them to grow under such conditions. The soil adapted to flowering plants is generally a light, moderately rich loam, containing a sufficient amount of sand to make it friable.

While some seed need special treatment, the following general rules will apply to all: Make the surface as fine and smooth as possible; do not plant any seeds when the ground is wet; cover each lot of seeds to a uniform depth, which should never be more than three or four times the diameter of the seed; press the soil firmly over the seeds, plant in rows so that the young plants can be easily seen, and pull up all weeds as soon as they appear.

NOTE.—Annuals bloom the first year from seed and then perish. Perennials generally do not bloom till the second year, and then live and bloom for a number of years. H. A. stands for Hardy Annual. H. H. A., Half Hardy Annual. H. P., Hardy Perennial. H. H. P., Half Hardy Perennial. "One foot," "two feet," etc., designates about the height the plant grows.

70. ASTER OR FALL ROSE, H. A.—16 inches. This beautiful flower is being constantly improved, and is now one of the most desirable of our garden beauties. As a bedder it is beyond description; indispensable for cut flowers. W. B. L. Mixed. Packet 5c.

71. BALSAM, or Touch-Me-Not, H. H. A.—Two feet. This is truly a wonderful pretty summer flower, producing masses of the most exquisite, lovely, brilliant colored flowers in great profusion. They prefer a rich, sandy soil, and must be well watered, and are much improved by transplanting two or three times. "Imperial Mixed." Packet 5c.

72. CALENDULA, "Meteor," H. A.—A very free-flowering plant, flowers light golden yellow. Grows freely in almost any soil. One foot. Packet 3c.

73. CANDYTUFT, H. A.—One foot. Select Mixed. One of the most useful and ornamental border flowers grown, the entire plant being completely covered with the most delightful bloom almost the entire summer; indispensable for cut flowers; very easy to cultivate; sure to please every lover of flowers. Packet 4c.

74. CANDYTUFT, Giant Empress.—Sow the seed where the plants are to bloom as early as the ground can be worked; thin to six inches. This is one of the most showy and beautiful flowers grown. The great spikes of snowy-white blooms begin to show in June, and the bed soon becomes a brilliant mass of pure snow-white bloom. Packet 4c.

75. CASTOR BEAN, H. H. A.—Eight to fifteen feet. Mixed varieties. A tall, majestic plant for lawns, with very large, ornamental leaves. Packet 4c.

76. CHRYSANTHEMUM, Fine Mixed, H. A.—Entirely distinct from the autumn varieties, blooming all summer, and making a gorgeous display in the flower garden. Packet 3c.

77. COLUMBINE, H. P.—Easily cultivated, and when once established will furnish a magnificent display of flowers every spring. Packet 3c.

78. CLEOME PUNGENS, or Giant Spider Plant, H. A.—Four to five feet. A very strong-growing plant: unaffected by wind and weather, and flowering profusely for months: in fact it is a Perpetual Bloomer. The flowers are borne on immense spikes, often a foot or more in length, and are of a very showy, bright rose color. Packet 4c.

79. EVERLASTING FLOWER, Acroclinium, H. A.—Probably the most beautiful everlasting flower known. Flowers pure pearly white, and are very hardy, blooming until late in autumn. An easy plant to grow. They last for years, and will never fade. Unsurpassed for winter decorations. Cut and dry when in bud and blossom, with the heads downward; to keep the stems straight. Pkt. 5c.

80. JOB'S TEARS, H. A.—Three feet. A curious ornamental grass, with broad, corn-like leaves, and seeds of a light slate color. Packet 3c.

81. LARKSPUR, H. A.—Two feet. Plants of great beauty, with a profusion of bloom. Packet 3c.

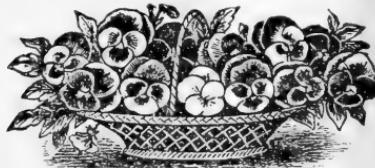
82. MARIGOLD, African Double, H. A.—Three feet. Superb plant, elegant and graceful. Foliage very pretty; every plant is covered with magnificent double flowers of beautiful, rich, dark or light yellow color. I had many specimens last summer more than 3 inches in diameter. Pkt 3c.



MIGNONETTE.

83. MIGNONETTE, H. A.—One foot. This deliciously fragrant annual is a favorite with all. It does best in a cool situation. Sweet Scented. Packet 5c.

84. NASTURTIUM, Dwarf Chameleon—One foot. Very useful for bedding. A few Dwarf Nasturtiums in the yard makes it exceedingly brilliant and attractive, and they are in bloom the entire season. They form a neat, compact bush that is covered with beautiful flowers of many lovely colors. Packet 5c.



85. PANSY, H. P.—The Pansy is the most popular of all perennials. It is everywhere popular for its brilliant beauty of flowers and prolonged period of blooming. The smallest yard must have its Pansies. We all treasure it as the symbol of modest worth and true affection. Sow early in a cool situation, shaded from the hot afternoon sun. Longstreth's Choice Mixed. Packet 10c.

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89. SUNFLOWER, H. A.—Five feet, An exceeding double variety of this well-known plant. The flowers are produced at the base of each leaf, which makes the whole plant most picturesque and highly ornamental. Packet 3c.

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91. VERBENA, Odorata, H. H. A.—One foot. This lovely Verbena is hardy. The blossoms instead of being in clusters, like other varieties, run up into long spikes three or four inches long. They are pure white, sweet scented, and the plants are a perfect mass of bloom all summer. Packet 5c.

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101. WISTERIA, H. P. (Chinese).—One of the most popular of our hardy climbers; in established plants the vines are often 50 feet or more in length. Flowers early in the spring, in long, drooping clusters, often a' foot or more in length, of a light blue color. Pkt. 5c.



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AN EXPERIMENT WITH VETCH ON BARREN GROUND. AT THE LEFT THE SEED WAS NOT TREATED; ON THE RIGHT IT WAS INOCULATED BEFORE PLANTING.

(From Year Book of Dept. of Agriculture.)

**W. B. LONGSTRETH,  
GRATIOT, OHIO.**

From the October, 1904,

## "CENTURY MAGAZINE"

"Did you vaccinate your land this year?" was the startling question I heard one farmer ask another the other day. "Well, I guess," he replied, "You remember that corner field which I gave up as hopeless last year? Well, when I heard about the yeast cakes, I sent and got some and vaccinated the field according to instructions, planting it in Alfalfa. I tell you I have had three whopping crops, and I've got off that formerly worthless field five times more than I have been getting off my best land, and I've got some pretty good land, too."

GILBERT H. GROSVENOR.

### Missouri State Board of Agriculture Says:

The air contains large quantities of free nitrogen and in the growth, development, multiplication and final decay of the bacteria within the root tissues, this nitrogen which has been taken from the free air by the bacteria is liberated in an available form for the use of



Roots of Soy Beans, showing the nodules which collect the free nitrogen from the air and deposit it in the soil, thus making barren land productive, and after the first crop is harvested the ground is left richer and better for the next year's crop.

the plant immediately within the tissue and readily accessible to the plant, hence these bacteria are called nitrogen-fixing bacteria and become the chief source of nitrogen for those plants in which they grow—*Monthly Bulletin, Vol. IV., No. 3, June, 1904.*

### What the United States Government Says:

"The immense yields of wheat following alfalfa or clover are easily understood when it is realized that there has actually been added to the soil a certain definite amount of nitrogen in such form that the wheat can be benefited by it.

Thus it will be seen that it is worse than useless to attempt to grow any leguminous crop without being certain of the presence of the bacteria which enable the plant to fix free nitrogen. It cannot be too strongly emphasized that unless the bacteria tubercles are present the leguminous crop is of absolutely no more benefit to a soil than wheat or potatoes.

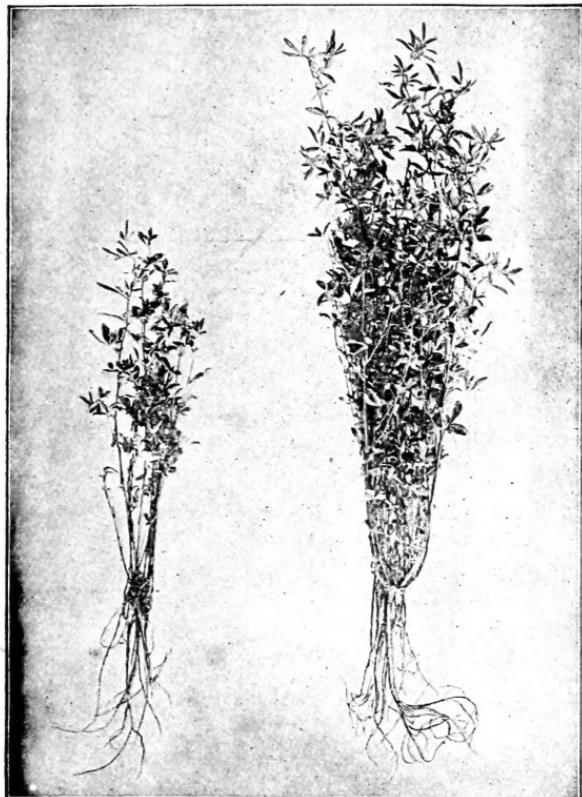
Certain regions are practically devoid of the right kind of bacteria, and unless some artificial means of introducing the germs be resorted to the crop will be a failure."—*Year Book, U. S. Dept. of Agriculture, 1902.*



"Peas, grown and photographed by E. Brown, Lanham, Md. These were planted at the same time and from the same package. Specimens taken from row treated with Nitro-Culture, and untreated row.

# ALFALFA

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**Specimen plants characteristic of uninoculated and inoculated field of Alfalfa, on farm near Bynum, Harford County, Maryland.** The uninoculated plants turning yellow, though sown on ground richer and better than the inoculated field. Gain from inoculation with Nitro-Culture nearly 500 per cent. by weight.

**Hoard's Dairymen, Ft. Atkinson, Wis., April 29, 1904**

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## From Inches to Feet

Land on which the farmer with constant toil had obtained alfalfa only a few inches high, when planted with these inoculated seeds will produce alfalfa several feet high and **so rich that the farmer does not recognize his crop.**—*National Geographic Magazine.*

## The Value of Alfalfa

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<b>Potatoes</b>	67½ bush.	After Crimson Clover, 102½ bush.	34.4 bush.	15.00	50 "
<b>Oats</b>	8.4 "	After Velvet Beans, 33.6 bu.	25.2 "	9.00	300 "
<b>Rye</b>	4.5 "	After Peas, 23.5 bush.	19.8 "	9.85	400 "
<b>Wheat</b>	18.6 "	After Melilotus, 26.9 bush.	8.3 "	6.50	45 "



Alfalfa, 3 years old.

# What is Claimed for Nitro-Culture.

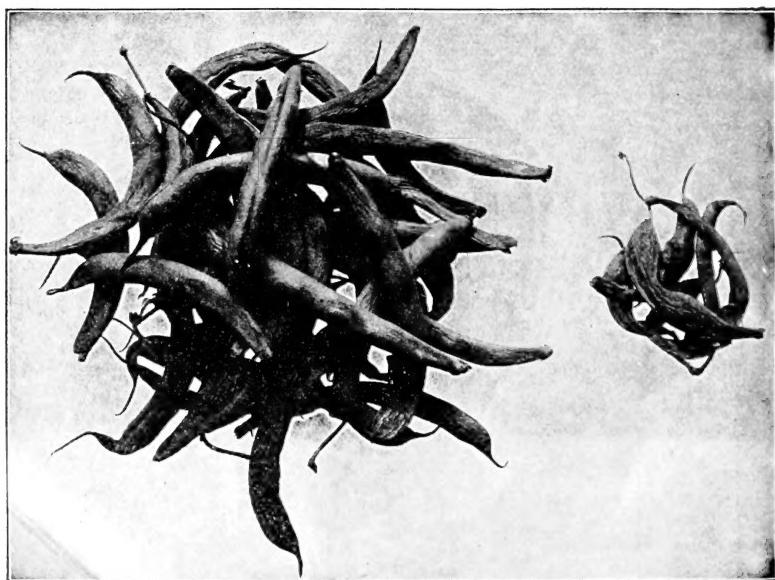
On poor or sandy soil, any leguminous (*i. e.* pod bearing) crop, such as clover, alfalfa, beans, peas, vetch, peanuts, etc., can (provided good seed is used) be more than doubled the first year, by merely moistening the seed with a solution of Nitro-Culture bacteria and allowing it to dry on the seeds before planting. Perhaps the greatest benefit may be derived the second year when any crop, such as wheat, corn, cotton, potatoes, etc., may be planted without fertilizer, and they will yield double what would otherwise be taken from the same land. Many persons claim that in money value this would be equal to \$20.00 per acre, or that a like amount would have to be expended on phosphates, capable of producing equal results. **Can you afford to overlook this cheap but effective method which nature has provided for the enrichment of the soil?**

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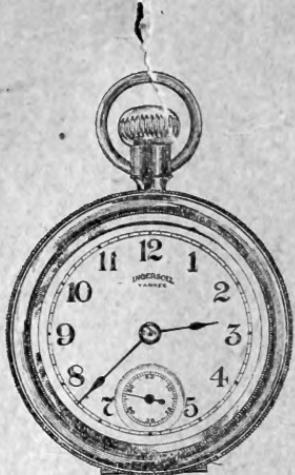
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Crop produced by two plants; one inoculated with Nitro-Culture, the other not inoculated.  
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